

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Jensen.

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Substitute Language for Proposal 180:

5 AAC 35.509. Eastern and Western Aleutian District Tanner crab harvest strategy.

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(i) In the Western Aleutian District male Tanner crab five and one-half inches carapace width or greater may be taken only under the conditions of a permit issued by the commissioner.

(j) The permit required in (i) of this section, may

(1) notwithstanding 5 AAC 35.510 (e), specify season dates to assess the timing of mating and molting;

(2) may specify areas of fishing operations by district or by geographic location to distribute effort;

(3) specify the amount and configuration of pots as needed to minimize bycatch and evaluate fishery performance;

(4) specify harvest limits to prevent localized depletion;

(5) require a department representative to be onboard during fishing operations to collect biological or fishery dependent information needed for stock assessment;

(6) require completion of logbooks provided by the department that includes the date, the specific location of harvest by latitude and longitude, the number of pots fished, the average depth of each pot fished, the time gear is deployed and removed from the water of each set, and the number of crab retained and discarded for the target and each bycatch species.